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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Corey Andrew (S)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
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Narrative:

On Friday, August 25, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to conduct an investigation regarding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at Eastview Park in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio. During the investigation, it was learned that Officer Daniel Speckman of the Coldwater Police Department was present at the scene but did not discharge any firearms. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Stranahan conducted an interview with Officer Speckman to determine his involvement. During the interview, Officer Speckman provided the following details.

Officer Speckman confirmed he is a police officer for the Village of Coldwater. Officer Speckman stated he has worked for Coldwater for the past 15 years and has 17 total years of experience. SAS Stranahan then asked Officer Speckman to explain his involvement in this incident.

Officer Speckman stated he was parked behind a business in with Village of Coldwater when he heard Sergeant (Sgt.) Etgen broadcast that shots had been fired in Celina (Coldwater Police Department and the Mercer County Sheriff's Office are on the same radio channel). Officer Speckman stated he then drove to Eastview Park in Celina.

While traveling to Eastview Park, Officer Speckman began listening to the Celina Police Department radio channel. He said he heard an officer broadcast that they were "at the pond." According to Officer Speckman, the pond at Eastview Park is a well-known location.

Upon arrival on scene, Officer Speckman observed several officers "up by the car" (which he later clarified as a silver SUV). Officer Speckman observed a Saint Marys Police Officer attempting to climb the fence, which separated the freeway from the park, with no success.

Officer Speckman identified the officer as Patrolman Little. Officer Speckman told Officer Little to drive around to the entrance, which he did.

Officer Speckman stated he then began walking up to the car (the silver SUV) when he saw an unidentified officer "holding a baby." Officer Speckman observed Officer Powell (Celina PD) standing near the driver's side of the silver SUV. Officer Powell reportedly said they needed to get the subject out of the silver SUV so they could begin performing CPR. Officer Speckman

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observed the subject was leaned back in the driver's seat of the silver SUV with his hands at his sides. Officer Speckman assisted in removing the subject from the vehicle.

Once the subject was removed from the vehicle, Officer Speckman observed officers from Celina PD checking the subject for injuries. Officer Speckman observed some type of wound on the subject's left leg, possibly a gunshot wound. Officer Speckman also observed blood on the subject's back. According to Officer Speckman, another officer handed him a tourniquet and told him to place it on the subject's left leg above the wound, which he did.

Officer Speckman indicated that EMS arrived on scene and transported the subject to the hospital. Officer Speckman followed the ambulance to the hospital and remained there until he was relieved by other officers. Officer Speckman was wearing a body worn camera (BWC) which he turned off once at the hospital. According to Officer, Speckman, despite life saving measures, the subject was deceased at the hospital. Officer Speckman was unable to provide any additional details at this time and the interview was concluded.

The interview with Officer Speckman was digitally recorded. A copy of that recording has been placed in this case file and attached to this investigative report. The digital recorder malfunctioned during the interview and only recorded 9 minutes and 44 seconds of the interview. SAS Stranahan estimates less than 5 minutes of the interview was not recorded.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Daniel Speckman Interview 8.25.23